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NASUAD HCBS Conference Next Week!

NASUAD's Annual Home and Community Based Services Conference will be in Arlington, VA, September 10-12 with pre-intensives on the 9th. The [Final Conference Agenda](#) includes many sessions of leading practices that may be of special interest to ADRC stakeholders and partners. Here is a sample of some of the ACL sessions:

Tuesday, September 10:

- ACL: Return to the Community: The Aging & Disability Network Role in Delivering Nursing Home Transitions
- ACL: Achieving Scale with Care Transitions

Wednesday, September 11:

- ACL: Supporting Managed Long-Term Services and Supports Consumers Through Problem Resolution and Advocacy

Thursday, September 12:

- ACL: The Aging & Disability Network's Role in Delivering Veteran's Administration Self-Directed Programs
- ACL: What are the Components of a State's No Wrong Door/ ADRC System?

New DOL Rule to Encourage Employment Opportunities for People with Disabilities

Vice President Biden announced new rules strengthening previous

regulations advancing the employment of individuals with disabilities and veterans. The new modifications to [Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act](#) and the [Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act](#) (VEVRAA) will ensure meaningful opportunities to find, secure and keep good jobs for qualified workers.

The changes center on providing metrics -- management tools that inform decision-making and provide real accountability -- to measure federal contractors' progress toward achieving equal opportunity for people with disabilities and protected veterans. The Section 503 rule establishes an aspirational 7% utilization goal for the employment of individuals with disabilities. The VEVRAA rule requires contractors to establish an annual hiring benchmark, either based on the national percentage of veterans in the workforce (currently 8%), or based on the best available data and factors unique to their establishments.

These rules are meant to address the disproportionately high unemployment rates for people with disabilities and certain veterans. The rules will be published shortly in the Federal Register and will take effect 180 days later. The Final Rules and more information are available on the Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) Website regarding [Individuals with Disabilities](#) and [Veterans](#).

Upcoming Events

1) Advancing Older Americans: Behavioral Health Collaboration - Closing the Gap

The Region II ACL and SAMSHA offices are co-sponsoring this free national webinar on the importance of addressing behavioral health needs of older adults by focusing on the efforts and experiences of New York. It will cover the Geriatric Mental Health Act of New York State, the first Act of its kind in the nation. This presentation will then briefly review service demonstration grants awarded to integrate physical and behavioral health care and describe the first round of health integration projects in more detail.

***Tuesday, September 10, 2:00-4:30 PM ET**

***[Register Here](#)**

***Please contact [Donna Broomfield](#) for additional information**

2) Ethics of Family Dementia Care: Navigating Tough Decisions

Presented by ACL, this conference call is part of the Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program (ADSSP) Technical Assistance Call Series. Participants will learn about: common practical

ethical decisions in daily living and family care over the course of a neurodegenerative dementia; five common ethical or moral concerns of families when autonomy, best interests and justice are most likely to collide, and helping families through ethical decision making.

***Thursday, September 12, 3:00-4:15 PM ET**

***[Online Registration](#)**

***Phone Registration:** (888) 869-1189 or (706) 643-5902
(Please reference conference ID 29238874 if you register by phone.)

***A call recording will be posted to the [ACL Website](#)**

3) Data Issues and Health Care Payment Reforms

Academy Health is holding a free webinar on data issues to consider when implementing health care payment reforms. Speakers will include Harold D. Miller: Strategic Initiatives Consultant, Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement (NRHI), and President/CEO, Center for Healthcare Quality and Payment Reform and Jay Want, MD: Payment and Delivery System Reform Advisor, Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement, and President, Want Healthcare LLC.

***Friday, September 13, 2013, 2:00 p.m-3:00 PM ET**

***[Register Online](#)**

Upcoming Conferences

1) NASUAD HCBS Annual Conference This conference showcases innovative national, federal, state and local delivery and policy developments vital for assuring Americans of all ages and abilities receive the highest quality community living supports, care, and services possible.

***September 9-12, 2013**

***Arlington, VA**

***[More Information](#)**

***[Register Here](#)**

NASUAD: First Annual Aging and Disability Information and Referral Intensive at the HCBS Conference

NASUAD's National Information and Referral/Assistance (I&R/A) Support Center is hosting the HCBS Conference's first annual I&R/A Intensive which will include important information for professionals from state and local I&R/A organizations, Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs), Centers for Independent Living (CILs) and State Health Insurance Programs (SHIPs). The

agenda will include a review and interactive discussion on recent and future I&R/A federal program and service changes, the Health Insurance Marketplaces, the I&R Support Center's recent national survey results, and pressing issues affecting I&R/A, ADRC, CIL and SHIP programs. Attendees will also hear federal updates from the Administration for Community Living (ACL), NASUAD and n4a.

***September 9, 2013, 8:30 AM-5:00 PM ET**

*Contact [Sara Tribe](#) at NASUAD to register for the [CIRS-AC](#) trainings:

*Including the following I&R training and exam opportunities:

*Training for the CIRS-A;

September 10, 2013, 10:15 AM-5:00 PM ET

*CIRS-A Train-the-Trainer Session;

Wednesday, September 11, 1:00-5:00 PM ET

2) Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging

The Alabama Association of AAAs in partnership with the Alabama Department of Senior Services will host the 2013 Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging (SE4A) Annual Training Conference. The event will offer participants essential aging updates, training and networking opportunities.

***September 22-25, 2013**

*Orange Beach, AL

*[More Information](#)

*[Register Here](#)

3) 15th National Lifespan Respite Conference: The Freedom Trail to Respite

The ARCH National Respite Network in collaboration with the Massachusetts Lifespan Respite Coalition will host the next National Lifespan Respite Conference. Over 30 workshops and plenary sessions will focus on State Lifespan Respite best practices, respite for individuals with Alzheimer's, respite for veterans, innovations in respite service delivery and access, community and faith-based volunteer respite initiatives, crisis respite models, the latest on respite evaluation and research, and many other topics.

***October 15-17, 2013**

*Boston, MA

*[Preliminary Agenda](#)

*[Early Bird Registration Ends September 15](#)

4) The Consumer Voice 37th Annual Conference

The Consumer Voice Annual Conference will be held in the Hilton Crystal City at Washington Reagan National Airport. The Conference attendees will engage in one-on-one dialogue with consumers of long-term services and supports; get the latest policy updates directly from key experts at the federal level; learn about best practices nationwide; and attend skills trainings and acquire tools and resources.

*October 24-27, 2013

*Arlington, VA

*[More Information](#)

*[Register Here](#)

TAE Tip of the Week:

Did you know that the ADRC-TAE website has information about state legislation and appropriations related to ADRCs? You can see the list organized by state on the [State Legislation and Appropriations](#) page.

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